

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL APPLICATION

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CROWN CASTLE

SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES

SFL10286

1682 Bay Road, Miami Beach, FL 33139

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September 3, 2019

Mr. James G. Murphy
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Re: Design Review Board Application for the installation of Small Wireless Facilities - Crown Castle
Fiber LLC Node SLF10286 – 1682 Bay Road, Miami Beach, FL 33139

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Crown Castle Fiber LLC (“Crown Castle”) respectfully submits this letter to the City of Miami Beach (the “City”) regarding an application seeking Design Review Board (the “Board”) review and approval of small wireless facilities within the City. As part of the application package, the Board requires an explanation whenever a proposed utility pole cannot be collocated. This letter explains why the application package referred to above is for a “stand-alone” utility pole node rather than a node collocated on a pole or other infrastructure already existing in the right of way.

As you know, Florida Statutes Section 337.401 allows Crown Castle, a communications services provider, to place its communications facilities within the right of way. Although Crown Castle collocates its small wireless facilities whenever possible on poles and other infrastructure already existing in the right of way, in this case Crown Castle engineers examined each potential collocation site and determined that there was not a suitable collocation site which would have provided the wireless coverage for the intended target. In other words, the possible sites upon which Crown Castle might collocate the particular small wireless were too far away, were not in a location which would be able to provide the additional wireless capacity each small wireless facility was intended to provide, or were not sites for which Crown Castle had rights to attach.

Therefore, in each of these instances, Crown Castle is proposing a stand-alone stealth pole. The particular location referenced above was determined by Crown Castle engineers to be the preferred location as it provides additional capacity to both the intended target while taking into account aesthetic and traffic safety criteria.

Please do not hesitate to call or contact me with any further questions or to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wanda Melton'.

Wanda Melton
Government Relations Manager
Southeast Region